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PSYCHICAL RESEARCH.

Grave Opened in Mexico to Test the Theories of American Mediums.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15 .- A grave in the American cemetery of this city was opened to-day in the interest of psychical research, as leading mediums of New York and Boston had declared positively that the body in that particular grave was not that of a young man named Conner from Burlington, Vt., who came here a year ago and presumably died of typhus fever. Mediums even most celebrated were positive it was not Conner who died, but some one else, and then intimated that he had escaped to Texas. The Society for Psychical Research became interested, and an agent came here to investigate, and the result is that probably the body exhumed is that of Conner, but a gentleman present at the exhumation who knew Conner intimately says he would not swear so in a court of justice. The hair was darker, but the teeth and fillings were those of Conner. Further investigations will be made in the United States in the line of comparison of details of the teeth with the chart of llings in the office of a New York dentist. The government gave every aid. Measures are being taken in the State of hiapas to abolish present State reform among peons on large estates, they being held for debt in practical bondage. The Gov-ernor of that State is determined to stop the

Exceedingly chilly weather began to-day in the valley of Mexico.

Faas, aged thirty years; Sadie Conroy. aged twenty-five years; James Richardson, and the women were cleaning the carpets of the Wyndham with gasoline. By sor wrecked the car and damaged the other cars lying alongside. The women and the

Twice Arrested for Murder.

TIBURON ISLAND.

Strange People Found by Explorers. but No Sign of Mineral Wealth.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 15 .- S. C. Milfard, who acted as guide and interpreter for Professor McGee and his party in their exploration of Tiburon island, in the Gulf of California, has returned from the expedition with an overflowing supply of interesting things to relate. He says the island is about eighteen by thirty miles in size and rises four thousand feet above the encircling waves of the Gulf of California. The land is barren and rocky, and is inhabited by about three hundred Ceres Indians, who are unlike any other known wear very few clothes and scamper barefooted up and down the cliffs like wild They never plant crops, but subsist on game, which is found in abundance on the island, and the waters furnish them with any quantity of fish, crabs and oysters. The popular belief that the natives are cannibals has not been strengthened by the visit of the explorers. There have been wild tales of mines of fabulous wealth on the island, of ledges of silver and copper ores of wonderful width and thickness, but Mr. Millard is inclined to discredit these stories. In the half of the island which was visited he saw plenty of rugged mountains, plenty of fertile valleys, many springs of delicious water, but of

mineral wealth he saw no trace. A CURE SENT TO JAIL.

He Refused to Disclose the Secrets of

the Confessional.

GRANBY, Que., Feb. 15.-Rev. M. Gill. cure of the Church of Notre Dame, has been committed to prison by the magistrate for refusing to disclose the secrets of the confessional in a suit at law in which he was called as a witness.

FOUR MINERS KILLED

And Four More Seriously Injured by the Overturning of a Skip. REPUBLIC, Mich., Feb. 15 .- A terrible accident occurred this morning in the Republic mine while the men were coming up in the skip from work out of No. was pulled on until it caught and turned over on the men. The killed are: William McGraw, James Dodge, Adolph Boitel and Mathias Tegelberg. The injured are: Charles Anderson, three ribs broken; Erick Marti, leg broken; James McGraw, back hurt; Andrew Peterson, hurt internally and recovery doubtful.

Explosion in a Pullman Car. PITTSBURG, Feb. 15 .- An explosion of gasoline in the Pullman sleeper Wyndham about noon demolished the interior of the car, badly damaged the Pullman cars Gita and New England, and seriously injured three persons. Their names are: Laura porter, of Cincinnati, aged forty years. The means the gas ignited from the stove and explosion followed. The concussion porter were seriously burned and cut, and Miss Conroy will probably die.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- The two Fitzgerald boys, William and James, have been re-arrested in connection with the murder of Max Eglau in the deaf and dumb institution on East Sixty-seventh street. The arrests were made on a warrant issued by Recorder

BRYAN BEHEADING CASE FOUND. Confession of a Negro Coachman Who Drove a Surrey to the Scene of the

IMPORTANT WITNESS IN THE PEARL

Murder Near Fort Thomas.

THREE IN THE CARRIAGE

ONE OF THE PARTY WAS A WOMAN. WHO SEEMED TO BE ILL.

Pistol Put to the Driver's Head and the Latter Warned to Say Nothing About Hearing Screams.

ALONZO WALLING IDENTIFIED

AS THE MAN WHO THREATENED THE COACHMAN WITH DEATH.

The Negro Not So Sure About Jackson, Because the Latter Was Inside the Closed Vehicle.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15. - The strongest link in the chain of evidence against the pearance this afternoon. George H. Jack- the negro said: son, private coachman for Major Wittifield, on McGregor avenue, Mount Auburn, reveals the story. He called out to police officer Ed Swain, who was passing by where he was working, and asked him if the head of that dead girl had yet been found, and when he learned that it had not, he asked the officer if they had found the cabman, and was told no. Again he asked if they should find the cabman whether he would be held as a participant in the crime along with the murderers. He was told very likely not; that it depended on circumstances. Jackson then said he would like to see the chief of police; perhaps he could tell him something. Officer Swain told him to report at the headquarters of the police in Mount Auburn tonight at 8 o'clock, which he did. Meantime, he told his story to officer Swain and also to Lieutenant Thornton, of the Auburn police. To-night he was brought before the Mayor and there told the same story. A remarkable feature in the examination was the exact correspondence of the stories he told to the two police officers and the Mayor.

George H. Jackson is drill master and commander of the Caldwell Guards, a colored company, in this city. On Friday night, Jan. 31, he was drilling them until standing a moment at the corner of George and Elm streets, in the Tenderloin district of this city, when a tall, dark-haired man, wearing a corduroy cap, came up and said to the company of bystanders:

"Do any of you wollaws want to make \$5 for driving a carriage to-night?" Jackson accepted the offer. He has been a carriage driver all his life. Presently a square-boxed surrey was driven down to where he was, and he was told that was the carriage. He was invited to the seat, and a man with a corduroy cap and dark mustache took a seat beside him and said he would direct him. He told him that there was a doctor and a sick lady in the carrioge; that they were going to take her to Newport, and he would show him how to drive. They drove down Elm street to Third, on Third to Broadway, down Broad-

over into Newport. BECAME FRIGHTENED. There was a curtain in the surrey at the back of the driver, so that Jackson could not see who was in the inside, but he heard | where the body was found. Many a murthe voice of a man and a "funny noise made | derer has been convicted and hanged on by a woman." After driving through Newport he became alarmed and wanted to jump off. This was after midnight, and no one was on the street, so that he could make an alarm, but he was very much frightened. The man on the seat beside him put a revolver to his head and said:

"You drive that horse or I'll make an end of you very quickly." The horse was a large gray horse, held a high head and moved very rapidly, and he was kept moving. The man on the seat with him took his name and his residence and learned all about him, and said if you ever say anything about this we will kill you. And if we get into trouble we have friends on the outside that would follow you up and kill you. Jackson says:

"I believe they have been following me. It may be imagination, but I think I have been followed ever since those men have been in jail. I had never driven out on that road before that I know of. The man on the seat directed me how to go. It was a very crooked road. We came out at last where they told me to stop. There was some thickets near by. They said the house where the woman was to go was not very far away. They would take her across there and whistle when they were ready to go back. They told me to turn the horse around and wait for them. The man in the surrey got out first and helped the woman. She leaned on him heavily, and as she walked along dragged her feet. It was too dark for me to see anything. The man who got out of the surrey was not as tall as the man who sat by me. That man got off his seat and assisted in taking the woman away in the darkness. I looked for a hitching block and expected to find a round one; instead of that I found a piece of railway rail about a foot long, with two holes in it. I shaft. The skip jumped the track, and it hitched the horse to that and waited a little while. I heard a very queer noise, something like scuffling in the leaves, along with a noise that I can't describe, that I think was made by the woman. It sounded like a woman's cry in distress. I remembered the strange noises that the woman had been making all the way out. That noise that I heard in the thicket frightened me, and I ran away as hard as I could run. I got home on foot about 4:30 o'clock in the morning. I did not see anything more of them.

AFRAID TO TALK. "When I heard of this murder I thought it must be the same case. I was afraid to talk on acount of the threats made. At last I thought I ought to talk about it and tell all I know. I did not see any of these parties, either the men or the woman, so cars were lying in the Pennsylvania yards, that I could recognize their faces. The man on the seat behind me had a big overcoat on him, and I could not tell whether he was slender or not. All three wore dark clothing, and the woman was veiled all over her face. Before I started from Cincinnati the carriage was driven to me, closed all around, at the corner of George

> Jackson described the surrey as having a sort of coupe in the front part of a square box, so as to permit the vehicle to make short turns. He said the horse was very large and was very spirited; he went tity—for it is made to appear that the au-

NAME freely and very rapidly; that the surrey was closed all the way out with curtains,

freely and very rapidly; that the surrey was closed all the way out with curtains, and that the moaning of the woman never ceased all the way out.

George H. Jackson is well known in this city. He has been a driver for many years for a great many reputable citizens, and he has a high reputation among them for honesty and truthfulness. His story to the honesty and truthfulness. His story to the Mayor to-night, under cross-examination, never varied from the stories he gave to the Mount Auburn officers. He is believed to be perfectly truthful and entirely innocent of any guilty knowledge of the purpose of that trip out to Fort Thomas. There were four members of the First Regiment National Guards talking with him when this man came up and engaged him to drive the surrey. This furnishes a clew to very important witnesses, who have been wanted for two weeks.

WALLING IDENTIFIED.

Driver Jackson Not Sure that Scott Jackson Was the Other Man. CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.-At midnight George H. Jackson was taken to the jail and the two men were brought out and placed in a line of twenty-five or thirty, resembling them as nearly as possible in dress and appearance, and Jackson was asked to pick out the man who sat on the seat when he drove the surrey to Fort Thomas. He took his time about it, inspecting man by man. At last he went up to Walling, looked up and down from his head to his feet, in front and all around him, and then stepped out in front of him and said "I am sure this is the man that sat on the seat with me." Then he added: "If I

could hear his voice I could tell better." Walling was bidden to speak and to re-Walling was bidden to speak and to re-peat the threats that he is alleged to have comfort and cheer as far as possible those made to the negro. He repeated them after the negro. Jackson said: "I wish you would put a little more force in your voice." Walling did so, rocking on his two murderers of Pearl Bryan made its ap- heels and slightly trembling, whereupon

As to Scott Jackson, he went round and selected several men that seemed to be about Jackson's size. He said: "I did not see this man except when he got out of the about his size. Bring him up by this other

Scott Jackson was brought up by Walling. The negro said: "This looks like the other man. I'd like to hear his voice." Scott Jackson spoke. The negro said: "Speak a little louder. He spoke again. The negro said: "Put more force in it." Scott Jackson put more force in it. The negro said: "I can't be sure about this man. His voice sounds very like the voice of the man who told me to turn the carriage around and who helped the woman out, only it was a great deal harsher, Jackson blushed a trifle and Walling seemed to grow very nervous. Both were taken to their cells and locked up.

The negro, George H. Jackson, is now ing out with the detectives on the road to where he took these people the night of the murder. The police consider the identification very complete as far as Walling is concerned.

A LEGAL BATTLE.

midnight. He went out afterward and was The Prisoners Will Not Be Sent to Kentucky Without a Fight.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.-Sheriff Plummer has returned from Frankfort to Newpor with the requisition papers from Governor Bradley to Governor Bushnell for the extradition of Jackson and Walling for the murder of Pearl Bryan. As the attorneys want to be heard, Sheriff Plummer will not go to Columbus till to-morrow night. He will present the papers to Governor Bushnell Monday. If the lawyers are unsuccessful in opposition to the requisition at Columbus they will then return here and seek to release the men on habeas corpus

In speaking of the legal fight that would be brought about by the attorneys interested in the case as to the State jurisdiction and whether or not the prisoners shall be taken to Kentucky or tried in the State, way to the Newport bridge and crossed | Hon. H. M. Rulison, jr., assistant prosecuting attorney, gave the following opinion: "Every presumption of law and evidence of fact is in favor of the theory that the murder was committed at the place much less certain chain of direct and circumstantial evidence than has already thus far been presented in this case. Kentucky is certainly the State in which these criminals should be tried.' It is generally thought that there is no

Kentucky, but the prisoners are averse to Jackson has been provided with counsel in Newport by his brother-in-law, Professor Post, of DePauw University. A leading lawyer of Newport has offered his services to assist the prosecuting attorney, and they have been accepted.

Recognizing the insecurity of the Newport jail, which might afford an incentive to the formation of a mob, it is understood that Sheriff Plummer, when he secures control of the prisoners, will exercise the discretion lodged in him by the Governor to protect them by placing them in the more secure structure in Covington.

The ladies of Newport, and those of Covington as well, feel that a great injustice has been done them and the State by outside newspapers making unwarranted reference to mebs and lynching parties waiting for Walling and Jackson when the prisoners are taken to Kentucky for trial. Some of the leading women of Kentucky have expressed themselves in very forcible manner with reference to these reports and there has been considerable talk of holding a meeting to protest against such injustice by the sensational press of other States. Lexington women are equally interested with those of Covington and Newport, and letters have been received from the latter city suggesting that some steps be taken to express disapproval of such publications

Many of the leading women of Newport and Covington have said that in case there should be a mob they would march down to the Newport jail in a body and demand of the would-be lynchers that they save the State such disgrace and humiliation, and no one acquainted with Kentuckians believe that a mob-even a mob-no matter of what class of citzens it is composed, would refuse to disperse and grant the request of the wives, mothers and daughters, for whose honor nearly all the lynching in Kentucky and the South has been done. Kentuckians feel keenly the disgrace arising from lynching and like methods of dealing out summary justice, or, rather, injustice (for the law intends that every one shall, when accused, have a fair and impartial trial), and the better element proposes to guard against a repetition of these disgraceful exhibitions. The women are equally interested with the representative men in protecting the name and honor of the State.

A person claiming to know considerable more about the death of Pearly Bryan than has yet ever been told, and who indirectly hints that she saw the tragedy which ended the girl's life, is the author of a letter received in this city yesterday, which is everything but anonymous, being signed an The epistle is dated at some point in Mississippi, and bears a postmark indicating that it came from that State. The letter is somewhat dramatic and romantic, and the story told might be paralleled with the one related by the Ho lingsworth woman in Indianapolis. The author attempts to establish the innocence of Jackson and Walling by saying that the death of Miss Bryan resulted from an act of violence of her own volition. It is stated emphatically that the Jead girl was driven to desperation by the thoughts of certain disgrace, and that she voluntarily took her own life. To this is added that she had made a request, or even a demand of her betrayer or betrayers, that after death her head be severed from her body and securely secreted, with a hope that her identity would not be disclosed and her fate never be known to her family. The names of the betrayer or betrayers are not mentioned, but it is mentioned that the girl arranged to

vised of the tragic outcome of his own plan to have Pearl Bryan saved from disgrace. He has already admitted his responsibility in that matter, and he said to-day that he had letters from Jackson after Pearl had come to Cincinnati, but he said he did not keep them because of their disgusting na-

The police are making excavations in various cellars to which the accused murderers of Pearl Bryan had access. The chief places are the cellars of the dental college of Walling and Jackson's boarding house, and other places where they were known to lodge or resort.

In Memory of Pearl Bryan. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 15.-The Greencastle High School alumni met here to-day and passed the following in memory

of Pearl Bryan: "The alumni association of the Green-castle High School, having heard of the sad death of their friend and schoolmate. Pearl Bryan, take this opportunity and method of expressing their high apprecia-tion of the departed and their deep sympathy with the afflicted and sorrowing friends. Miss Bryan was a member of the society of the alumni, having graduated from the high school with the class of 1892. As a student, Pearl was faithful to her work, kind and just to her classmates and teachers, true to herself, loving and gentle in disposition. The members of this organization desire to extend their kindest sympathy to the aged father and mother, brothers and sisters of their deceased schoolmate, and share the grief and sorrow that have come so heavily upon them. In this hour of greatest sadness and deepest gloom, when the most that can be done is who have lost so much by this untimely

The memorial was signed by Ren P. Carpenter, Laura L. Eads and W. H. Grabam.

MANY ARE SHAKING THE ALKALI DUST FROM THEIR FEET.

carriage in the darkness, and I only know | Official Announcement of a Second Postponement of the Big "Mill" Causes a Stampede from Texas.

> EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15 .-- The official announcement of the possibility of a further postponement of the prize fight until next Friday added others to the delegation of the home-goers to-day. The announcement was made about noon, and was the result of a telegram from Las Cruces, N. M., which stated that the physicians in attendance on Peter Maher forbade him attempting to fight before Friday. A hasty conference of Dan Stuart and others interested with him resulted in the announcement that the meeting between Maher and Fitzsimmons might not take place until Friday. The news had a de-His decision will be given Monday noon. north pole. Dan Stuart is still determined. He says

sorts of things if it was attempted. Julian, Siberian islands, where dogs have been on the other hand, grows less willing each | awaiting him. day. He feels that he has been getting the worst end of the deal. His every move is watched by the Rangers on the American side and the Mexican soldiers on the other, where he lives. The impression is gaining that Julian will on Monday claim the forfeit money, the right to which he waived after looking at Maher's eyes, on Thursday evening, and "pull his freight" for more congenial regions. Fitzsimmons's wholesome terror of the law is known and it has taken strong assurances all along to keep Fitzsimmons in line. In view of the situation there is talk of bringing off two of the fights on Tuesday. Stuart has nothing to say about this. He is determined to pull off the big fight, and says his concern is about that event. He thinks it might possibly be a good card to bring off two of the other figure immediately followinw the Fitzsimmons-Maher battle, but he will think of that after he has found out whether he can bring Fitzsimmons and

nons and Julian than he has heretofore used. He sent a messenger to Julian informing him that he wished to see him at once at the Governor's office. When Julian arrived he was told that he or Fitzsimmons was not to cross the river into El Paso or leave ernor where he was going and for what

the night," said Julian, "will I come around | thought to be feasible. and pull you out just to tell you I am going over to El Paso for a telegram or something f that sort "No need of that," said the Governor, "I have three men watching you night and day. Just tell one of them and he will go and with that Julian had to be

Fitzsimmons and Julian went to Stuart

this morning to ask if it would be advisa-

ble to move their personal belongings from Juarez. If the fight should take place in Mexico, they would never dare to go back after their stuff, but Stuart would give no more information as to the battle ground than was implied in this statement. At 11 o'clock to-day Wolcott and Brighteyes weighed in at the training quarters of the former. Both were well under the limit of 140 pounds. O'Rourke, backer of Wolcott, will not claim forfeit for the post-ponement of the fight. He and Kinney will bring the men on the scales Tuesday and again go through the ceremony of weighing in.

There was a lively shooting affray on San Antonio street last night between two sporting men. They riddled the windows of the office of the Santa Fe railroad, but hurt nothing else. Late this afternoon it was arranged that the proposed postponement of the fight be settled to-morrow, instead of Monday. Julian is not inclined to agree to intil Friday, and Stuart is anxious that the ight shall take place as soon as possible. It was finally agreed that the matter should be settled at a conference to be held o-morrow afternoon. Julian will, in all ikelihood, insist on having the forfeit. Maher's eyes are still improving. Quinn sent a telegram from Las Cruces to-night.

asking the newspaper men to be patient,

and by next Friday they would see a fight

worth seeing. MURDERED AND BURNED.

Woman and Girl Killed, a Man Stabbed and Their House Fired.

AUGUSTA Ky., Feb. 15 .- Robert Laughlin, a prominent farmer, living three miles by unknown assassins, who stabbed him several times. His wife was murdered, and also her fourteen-year-old niece, and their bodies cremated by burning the bouse. Laughlin escaped in the darkness. people are greatly excited, and the affair s wrapped in mystery, as there is no clew

Mrs. J. H. Manley Dying. AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 15 .- Hon. J. H. Maney, chairman of the Republican national executive committee, arrived to-day from Washington by special train, having come

n answer to a summons to the bedside of

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CONFIRMATORY NEWS FROM THE BRITISH CONSUL AT ARCHANGEL.

In a Dispatch to London that Official Says the Explorer Is "Return-

ing from the North Pole."

ARCTIC EXPERTS' THEORIES

NANSEN SUPPOSED TO HAVE RE-

TURNED TO SIBERIAN ISLAND.

He May Have Reached the Pole by Permitting the Fram to Drift with

Ice Until Land Was Touched.

VIEWS OF GENERAL GREELY

FLAWS IN THE REPORTS POINTED OUT BY THE AMERICAN EXPLORER.

Attempt to Rob Lockwood of a Well-Merited Honor-Opinions of Lieut. Scheutz and Others.

LONDON, Feb. 15 .- The British consul at Archangel, capital of the Russian government of that name, telegraphs confirming the report that Dr. Nansen is safe and re-

turning from the north pole. The news of Dr. Nansen's success has created intense interest in this city. The report received from Irkutsk, Siberia, was generally discredited at first, although more faith was placed in it than in the previous rumors which have reached London during the past twelve months. The dispatch from the British consul at Archangel, given above, is regarded as conclusively showing that the Norwegian explorer is homeward bound, even if he has not discovered the pole. Dispatches received here from different parts of the continent indicate that the same interest in the news from the north is manifested throughout Europe, and it is also generally credited at the European capitals, although even Dr. Nansen's wife and relatives did not believe the announcment which came through Kouchnareff, the agent of Dr. Nansen near the mouth of the Lena river, residents of which locality frequently visit New

Siberla. Later advices say that news of Dr. Nansen's safety was sent by Kandaroff, the cal Russian official in the Yakutsch region, who was a member of the Siberia-Koffs expressing effect upon all the sports, and pedition. Dr. Nordenskjold, who is in Chrismany, fearing still further delays, pre- tiana, is inclined to beneve the news of Dr. pared to get away on the first outgoing Nansen's safety, at any rate, even if it is not train. Julian will not say what he will do. true that he has succeeded in discovering the

According to the oninion of Arctic experts he will bring off the fight on any date that here, when the Fram left Kara sea, in 1893, the men can be brought together. No one she may have found the sea northwards free questions Stuart's sincerity and his deter- of ice and pushed on until she was locked mination to bring the two principals to an in. They add that she may then have been allowed to drift until the expedition came to Maher has delared he will enter the ring land around the pole, and that Dr. Nanset even if he cannot see Fitzsimmons. He is and his party may have returned in sledges afraid the public will think he fears the to the Siberian islands, where, it is believed, issue with the Australian. Quinn at first Dr. Nansen and his companions may have insisted he should go in, to save the for- | been stopped by the broken ice. Dr. Nansen feit money, and Peter agreed. Connolly wrote to Baron Toll from Yugoro straits, would not hear to this and threatened all saying that he expected to return to Koteny,

Mr. Scott Keltie, a member of the Royal Geographical Society, and the agent of Dr. Nansen in England, in an interview to-day, said he was surprised that he had not received a telegram from Dr. Nansen, but he thought it probable that the explorer had returned after reaching the pole. He added, however, that he did not know exactly how Dr. Nansen would prove he had been there,

except by his report and observations. Advices received here from Stockholm say that the Foreign Ministry has received promises from the governments of Great Britain and Russia to give all the assistance possible to Prof. Andre's projected balloon expedition to the north pole. Mr. Clements R. Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society, is sending a circular to Canada, with a drawing of Prof. Andre's balloon, asking the Dominion authorities to take evtrial in Newport, and their attorneys will Maher together.

make every possible effort to delay trial, Governor Ahumada this morning added ery step possible to have the balloon following the usual custom in all such cases. | more stringent measures against Fitzsim- | watched for and reported, if seen, to the British government. The Hudson Bay Company will bear the cost of the distribution of a large number of these circulars in the northernmost districts of the Dominion. An Juarez without first reporting to the Gov- official of the Royal Geographical Society states that a large sum of money has been raised to aid Prof. Andre's scheme, which is

FLAWS IN THE STORY.

Greely and Scheutz Do Not Believe the Reports from Arctic Russia. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The confirmation from Archangel of the report of the return of Nansen, the seeker after the north pole, does not really amount to a confirmation, in the opinion of General Greely and of Lieutenant Scheutz. The latter is, with the possible exception of Commodore Melville, who is temporarily absent from Washington, better posted than any other official in Washington on the characteristics of the North Siberian coast, which he has visited on a governmental mission, being charged with the distribution of rewards to the natives who aided the survivors of the unfortunate Jeannette expedition. Said he: "This confirmation of the Irkutsk story from Archangel is as if we had a telegram from Portland, Me. confirming a story from Sandy Hook." General Greely took a similar view, and held that it was inconceivable that the postponement. The Maher party are same story should emanate from two very anxious that the fight shall go over places so remote from each other as are Irkutsk and Archangel. He knew of no way in which news of Nansen's approach to the mouth of the Lena delta should also

reach Archangel. With the aid of a chart General Greely indicated the vast distance between Archangel and Irkutsk, the latter point being that where the first report of Nansen's return came from. He showed that if it was really true that news of Nansen's movements had reached the mouth of the Lena, and had so worked up the river to Irkutsk then it was improbable that the same information could have reached Archangel. Then there was the same lack of detail about this last dispatch that had been noted in the first, and this absence of even a hint of where Nansen was, or how he was commu cated with, cast suspicion on both reports. Archangel, said General Greely, is a large and important Russian town with goo nections with the outer world, and if such news had reached there he saw no reason why full details were not obtainable.

General Greely called attention to another point, which was that if Nansen has really emerged from the polar regions anywhere off the Siberian coast, then he has himsel disproved the correctness of the theory or which his expedition was embarked. It would show that, instead of there existing a current across the pole there was a current that swept him up from the neighbor-hood of Bennett island to the pole and then turned back and returned him to his starting point. General Greely not unnaturall thought this state of affairs was hardly possible. Certainly there was no scientific evidence of the existence of such an oblig-